

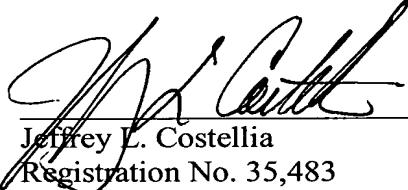
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request amendment to the instant application by amending claim 1 to correct a minor typographical error which will place the claim in a better condition for issuance.

Entry, therefore, is believed to be fully appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. In the event that the Examiner has any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In view of the above, entry of the same prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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